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1. THE ACTING SPOKESMAN OF THE FRG, GRUENEWALD, ASKED  
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AT 1430 LOCAL TIME PRESSCON ABOUT ALLEGED SECRET PLANS  
REGARDING NATO DEFENSE STATED: "THEY CONCERN THE SECRET  
STUDY WHICH TAKES A CONTRARY VIEW TO FORWARD DEFENSE.  
WHATEVER SECRET STUDIES MAY EXIST, THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT  
CARTER IN LONDON AT THE NATO SUMMIT MEETING CLEARLY AND  
OPENLY SUPPORTED FORWARD DEFENSE, AND HE REPEATED THIS  
ADHERANCE PRIVATELY A FEW WEEKS AGO DURING THE VISIT OF

THE FEDERAL CHANCELLOR AND FEDERAL FOREIGN MINISTER IN THE UNITED STATES. I BELIEVE THIS COUNTS FOR MORE THAN ANY STUDY."

2. THE SPOKESMAN OF THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE STRESSED ACCORDING TO A DPA REPORT QUOTETHAT THE EXTANT NATO STRATEGY OF FLEXIBLE RESPONSE TO ATTACK IS ONE OF THE BASES FOR FRG MEMBERSHIP IN NATO. AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF THIS STRATEGY IS FORWARD DEFENSE, THAT IS THE PRINCIPLE IN CASE OF CONFLICT TO WAGE COMBAT AS CLOSE TO THE BORDER AS POSSIBLE. EVEN CURRENT STRATEGY DISCUSSIONS IN NATO DO NOT QUESTION THIS PRINCIPLE. ALSO US PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER SPECIFICALLY EMPHASIZED THE NECESSITY OF FORWARD DEFENSE AT THE RECENT MOST NATO SUMMIT. UNQUOTE

3. FOREIGN OFFICE TELLS US THAT FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER, ALTHOUGH OFFICIALLY ON LEAVE, HAS EXPRESSED SERIOUS CONCERN ABOUT EVANS AND NOVAK COLUMN AND HAS TELEPHONED INSTRUCTIONS TO FRG EMBASSY WASHINGTON TO SEEK IMMEDIATE CLARIFICATION DIRECTLY FROM BZREZINSKI IN WHITE HOUSE AND VEST IN DEPARTMENT. STOESEL

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